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SUBJ: PERM REP DISCUSSION OF ARTICLE XXIV:6

REFTEL: EC BRUSSELS 1898

1. SUMMARY. IN A LATE NIGHT MEETING THE PERM REPS
DISCUSSED THE MARCH 25 EBERLE LETTER TO SOAMES ON THE
US REQUESTS. THE COMMISSION PRESENTED THE LETTER IN
A NEUTRAL FASHION. NO DECISION WAS REACHED. THE
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MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED BY THE ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE

IN LUXEMBOURG ON APRIL 1, PRIOR TO A COUNCIL DISCUSSION
PROBABLY ON APRIL 2. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMISSION AND PERM REP SOURCES HAVE GIVEN US THE
FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF A DISCUSSION THAT TOOK PLACE IN
THE PERM REPS AT 2 A.M. MARCH 29. (THE DISCUSSION WAS
MOVED UP FROM FRIDAY AFTERNOON BECAUSE OF A STRIKE OF
COUNCIL PERSONNEL SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY.)

3. WELLENSTEIN AND HIJZEN INTRODUCED THE US LETTER
WITHOUT EVALUATION. THEY SAID THAT SOAMES WOULD EVALUATE
THE EBERLE LETTER FOR THE COUNCIL. THEY POINTED OUT THAT
THE CURRENT US PROPOSAL WAS MORE LIMITED THAN PREVIOUS
ONES HAD BEEN, AND DESCRIBED THE US PROPOSAL ON GRAINS
AS AN ATTEMPT TO PHOTOGRAPH THE EXISTING SITUATION,
SAYING THAT NOTHING IN THE US PROPOSAL GAVE THE US ANY
RIGHTS THAT IT DOES NOT NOW HAVE.

4. THE UK DEL SAID THAT ITS CONTACTS HAD LED IT TO BELIEVE
THAT IF THIS WERE NOT THE LAST US WORD, IT WAS VERY CLOSE TO
IT AND THAT BECAUSE OF ITS EXPOSED POSITION ON INTER-
NATIONAL TRADE, THE UK IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE
DANGER OF RETALIATION.

5. THE FRENCH, WHO SEEMED TO BE UNINSTRUCTED, SAID THE
NEGOTIATIONS WERE CLOSED SINCE THE COUNCIL HAD ALREADY
TAKEN A DECISION. THEY ASKED A NUMBER OF SARCASTIC
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PURPOSE OF FURTHER PERM REP DISCUSSION
OF THE EBERLE LETTER. THE COUNCIL COULD OF COURSE TAKE
THE MATTER UP AGAIN. THE FRENCH DELEGATE CLOSED BY SAYING,
"I LEAVE THE MATTER TO MY MINISTER." THE GERMAN INTER-
VENTION WAS IN FAVOR OF A REASONABLE APPROACH. THIS
IS A MAJOR QUESTION AND INVOLVES A PROBABLE PRELUDE
TO A TRADE WAR. THE COUNCIL MUST DISCUSS IT. "THE
EC MUST MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR THE US TO RETALIATE." THE
DUTCH AGREED WITH THE GERMANS.

6. OUR SOURCES AGREED THAT THOUGH NO DECISION WAS REACHED,
EVERYONE ANTICIPATES THAT THE MATTER WILL AGAIN BE DIS-
CUSSED IN THE ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE IN LUXEMBOURG, ON THE
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MORNING OF APRIL 1 IN PREPARATION FOR THE COUNCIL
MEETING, FOR WHICH ARTICLE XXIV:6 IS NOW ON THE AGENDA.BARBIS

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